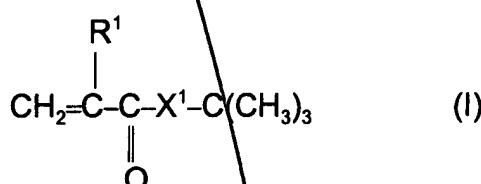


CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 5 should read as follows:

1. (twice amended) A cosmetic composition comprising at least one water-soluble or water-dispersible polymer which comprises, in copolymerized form,
- from 45 to 85% by weight of at least one α,β -ethylenically unsaturated monomer of the formula I

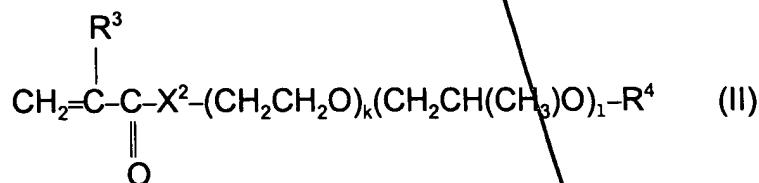


in which

R^1 is hydrogen or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$ -alkyl, and

X^1 is O or NR^2 , where R^2 is hydrogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_8$ -alkyl or $\text{C}_5\text{-C}_8$ -cycloalkyl,

- from 10 to 30% by weight of at least one α,β -ethylenically unsaturated mono- and/or dicarboxylic acid,
- from 1 to 20% by weight of at least one compound having at least one α,β -ethylenically unsaturated double bond and at least 5 alkylene oxide units per molecule, chosen from polyether acrylates of the formula II



in which the order of the alkylene oxide units is arbitrary,

k and l independently of one another are an integer from 0 to 50, the sum

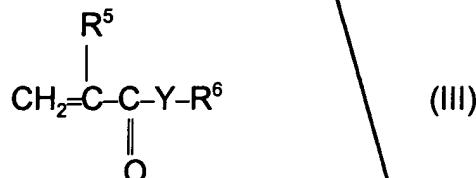
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k + l being at least 5,

R³ is hydrogen or C₁-C₈-alkyl, and

R⁴ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆-alkyl,

X² is O or NR², where R² is hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl or C₅-C₈-cycloalkyl,
from 1 to 30% by weight of at least one compound having at least one
α,β-ethylenically unsaturated double bond and at least one straight-chain
or branched C₈-C₃₀-alkyl or -alkylene radical per molecule, chosen from
compounds of the formula III



in which

R⁵ is hydrogen or C₁-C₈-alkyl,

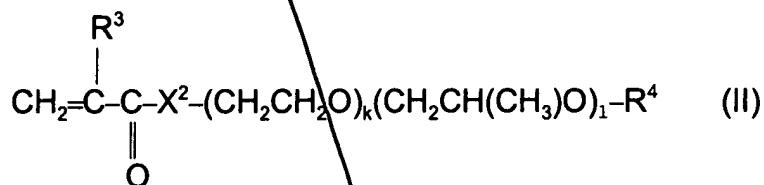
R⁶ is a straight-chain or branched C₈-C₃₀-alkyl radical, and

Y is O or NR⁷, where R⁷ is hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl or C₅-C₈-cycloalkyl,

where the components c) and/or d) can be partially or completely replaced by a
component e), where

e) is at least one compound having at least one α,β-ethylenically unsaturated
double bond, at least 5 alkylene oxide units and at least one straight-chain
or branched C₈-C₃₀-alkyl or -alkylene radical per molecule, where
component e) is chosen from

e1) polyether acrylates of the formula II



in which the order of the alkylene oxide units is arbitrary,

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k and l independently of one another are an integer from 0 to 50, the sum

k + l being at least 5,

R³ is hydrogen or C₁-C₈-alkyl, and

R⁴ is C₈-C₃₀-alkyl,

X² is O or NR², where R² is hydrogen, C₁-C₈-alkyl or C₅-C₈-cycloalkyl,

e2) urethane (meth)acrylates containing alkylene oxide groups and mixtures
thereof

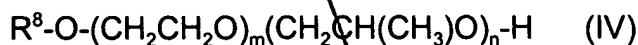
or the salts thereof.

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5. (thrice amended) A composition as claimed in claim 1, where component e2)

comprises, in incorporated form, the following compounds: f, g and h; or f, h, i
and m; or g and l; or i, l and m; or f, i, l and m; or f, h, k and m and optionally
other compounds, where

- f) is at least one diisocyanate,
g) is at least one compound of the formula IV



in which the order of the alkylene oxide units is arbitrary,

R⁸ is a straight-chain or branched C₈-C₃₀-alkyl radical,

m and n independently of one another are an integer from 0 to 50, the sum m+n being at least 5,

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- h) is at least one α,β -ethylenically unsaturated compound which, per molecule, additionally contains at least one group which is reactive toward isocyanate groups,
 - i) is a compound chosen from monohydric alcohols, diols, amines, diamines and aminoalcohols having at least one straight-chain or branched C₈-C₃₀-alkyl or -alkylene radical per molecule, and mixtures thereof,
 - k) at least one aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic monoisocyanate,
 - l) is at least one α,β -ethylenically unsaturated compound which additionally contains at least one isocyanate group per molecule,
 - m) is at least one compound of the formula V



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in which

the order of the alkylene oxide units is arbitrary,

p and q are as defined above for m and n,

R⁹ is OH,

R¹⁰ is H.